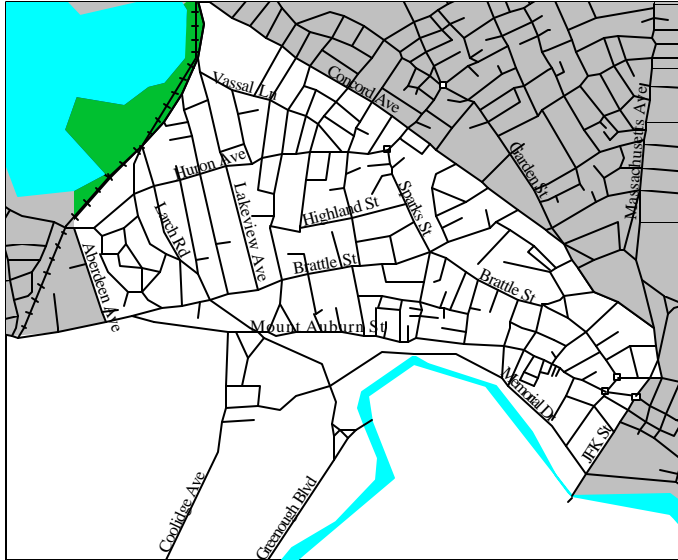
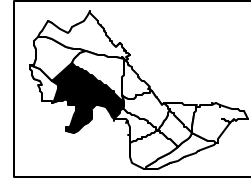


# NEIGHBORHOOD 10

## WEST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

**POPULATION:** 8,266 residents  
3,887 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$54,656

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1 officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and 16X.

### 2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

**Malicious destruction** has decreased by more than half of last year's totals, which is one of the largest changes this neighborhood has seen. Farwell Pl. has experienced its' share of tire slashings when one occurred in late April, and another series of three occurred over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. • **Housebreaks** experienced an encouraging decline in incidents, registering a 20% decrease. Nearly half of the twenty-eight breaks occurred over the past three months, including four breaks on the 200-400 block of Mount Auburn St., two of which were in the same building. • The number of **street robberies** increased by four incidents and three arrests were executed. Seven of the robberies took place in Harvard Square, five of which occurred in April. The most likely time for these robberies was during the week between 10PM and 3AM. In six instances, weapons were produced as a victim was slashed with a knife in one instance. • There were three **drug arrests**, which all occurred in Harvard Square. • Following a citywide trend, **larcenies from motor vehicles** also experienced an increase, from thirty-one larcenies in 2001 to thirty-nine in 2002. One arrest in mid-September attributed to the decline in breaks when the Cambridge native led police to four other cars he admitted to breaking into. •

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002

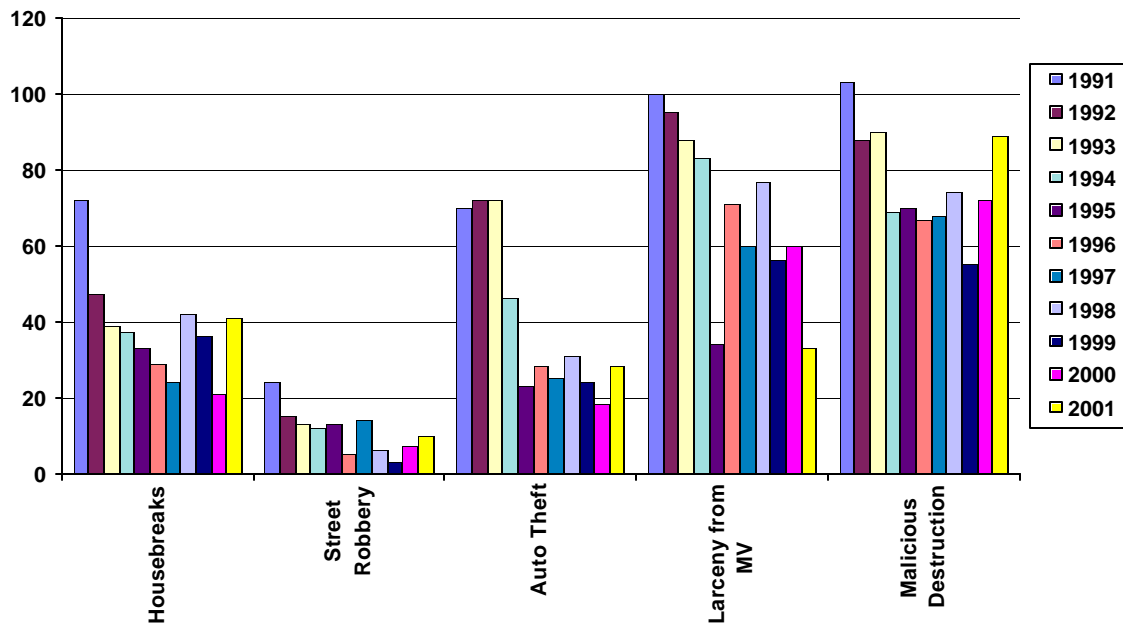
CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	35	28	-20%
Street Robbery	7	11	+57%
Auto Theft	25	16	-36%
Larceny from MVs	31	39	+26%

Malicious Destruction	78	47	-40%
Drug Arrests	7	3	-57%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is, geographically, the largest neighborhood in the city. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic; its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Almost all of West Cambridge's target crimes are lower than average, its population is slightly higher than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles**, is concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks, Brattle, and Mount Auburn Street. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, recently believed to be almost eliminated, have returned with a large increase in the last month of the quarter. The Oriental rug pattern in the more affluent areas of this neighborhood accounted for most of the breaks during the first three months.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from Persons** become a problem every spring and summer around the Square and in its many commercial establishments.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	105	4	38	8	8
Street Robbery	18	7	12	9	7
Auto Theft	105	6	42	8	9
Larceny from MVs	134	3	70	5	8
Malicious Destruction	92	8	75	7	5

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest